

City Times

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY – Month of *Love!*

“The only way to do great work is to LOVE what you do.”

–Steve Jobs

Check out some of WHAT’S NEXT for us here at the City of Lawton:

- **STAFF OBI BLOOD DRIVE:** Noon-4 p.m. 2/8/19 @Lawton City Hall Banquet Room
- **Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra Show:** 2/9/19 @McMahon Memorial Auditorium
- **Page Turners Book Club:** 2/12/19 @Lawton Public Library
- **The Frog Prince:** 2/21/19 @McMahon Memorial Auditorium
- **Soulful Story – “Discover the Roots of Oklahoma Blues & Jazz” :** 2/22/19 @Lawton City Hall



More than two dozen public safety officials graduated from the Lawton Basic Police Academy on January 11, 2019. The men and women were honored at a ceremony at Lawton City Hall.

Congratulations to all graduates! Thank you for choosing a career in public safety and protecting our community!



**FEBRUARY 2019
CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
580.581.3301**

The Mission of the City of Lawton is to provide efficient, effective and responsive services; promote a quality of life based on harmony and cooperation; and create leadership and opportunity for Southwest Oklahoma.



***Incoming City Manager
Michael Cleghorn***

Michael Cleghorn was appointed as Lawton City Manager in January 2019 and will begin with the City on Feb. 11, 2019.

As city manager, Cleghorn will be responsible for gathering data and information to support the policy-making needs of City Council while implementing administrative policies, overseeing fiscal management and managing day-to-day operations of City departments, among other duties.

Cleghorn is a retired U.S. Army combat veteran with 21 years of service. During his military career, Cleghorn held numerous leadership positions and had extensive training in electronics, logistics, maintenance, and personnel management. Cleghorn holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts from Excelsior College and a Master's in Science in Leadership & Management from Texas A&M Central Texas.

Since retiring from the military, Cleghorn has held several positions in municipalities – most recently as the director of Public Works for the City of Copperas Cove, Texas. He managed the activities of eight department and approximately 80 personnel there, and oversaw several significant municipal projects.

*Assistant City Manager **Bart Hadley** has been named Interim City Manager during this management transition. He can be reached at 580.581.3301 or bhadley@lawtonok.gov.*



**HAPPY, HAPPY
BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

February Employee Birthdays:

Andrew Foreman	Moira Milne	Carl Matthesen
Kenneth Parsons	Bret Kelley	Debbie Dollarhite
CH Brazzell	Taylor Orosky	Terry Sellers
Marcinique Walker	Erick Gonzalez	Robert Kroboth
Alicia Hainline	Charles Turner	Dustin Bennett
Erika Swain	Mike Spencer	Christopher Blessing
Joseph Wheeler	David Eppler	Rhonda Ransom
Jason Swedlund	Adam Jung	Kathleen Garcia
Aaron Molloy	Lisa Ziler	Mincie Beamesderfer
Craig Akard	Barry Sullivan	Adam Morrison
Amanda Brown	Tika Fisher	Sue Smith
Trent Ulrich	Gary Ellis	Christopher Biegler
Greg Ellis	John Bennett	Adrian Bradley
John Janson	Jorge Macias	Julia Greffin
Austin Hudson	Sydney Perry	Justin Dipprey
Tammy Huffman	Charlie Martin	Kasey Pitts
William Justus	Alicia Redding	Jonathan Santiago

Something you'd like to see?

***SEND IN PHOTOS, IDEAS & CONTENT FOR CITY
NEWSLETTER TO TVRSKA@LAWTONOK.GOV OR TEXT
TO 580.351.4425.***

**CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR
YEARS OF SERVICE!**

***February Employment
Anniversaries***

10 YEARS

John Beauchamp, LFD
Shamieka Ross, W/WW
Victor Rosa, Engineering
Mike Jones, GIS
Steven Greb, Legal

15+ YEARS

Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk
Nestor Enriquez, Streets
Andrea Morman, Parks & Recreation
Kathy Hines, Library
James Johnson, LPD
Richard Franz, LPD
Joel Abbe, LFD
Sabine Mowry, Finance

**WELCOME TO OUR
TEAM!**

New City Hires

Kyle Peterman, LFD
James Payne, Field Utilities
Clay Milton, WWC
Patrick Sprague, LFD
Reece Maitlen, LFD
Elijah Hoyt, LFD
Antonio Martinez-Phillips, LFD
Matthew Reagan, LFD
Drew Weske, LFD
Jacob Smith, LFD
Justin Baker, LFD
Mary Hankins, City Council
Amy Watkins, HR
James Hancock, LPD

Employee

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Administrative Policy 3-01, which you can view [HERE](#), was implemented in 2013 and establishes a program of recognizing City of Lawton employees who have made substantial contributions to their divisions or who have otherwise contributed or performed in a manner which will reflect favorably on the individual and the City of Lawton.

All regular full-time and all regular part-time employees, with the exception of department directors and division supervisors, are eligible for selection. To nominate a co-worker, reach out to HR Director Warren Wick (ext. 392) or EAC Chairman Travis Estep (ext. 375).

TAX SEASON

From Human Resources: You will receive your W2s by January 31st through interoffice distribution. If you'd like to adjust the amount of taxes taken out of your paychecks, you will need to fill out a 2019 W4 & OK-W4 form & turn them into our office at City Hall, Second Floor.

From Library: Get your federal & state taxes done for free by IRS-certified local volunteers at the Lawton Public Library – free preparation & free e-filing. No age or income restrictions. Starting first week in February: 4-6 p.m. Mondays; 1-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays. In February only there are sessions on Tuesdays too, from 4-6:30 p.m. First come, first served. Call Ext. 450 for more information.

Warm Welcome!



NEW CITY ADMINISTRATION – Swearing-In Ceremony, 1/14/19

Following the departure of Mayor Fred Fitch and Ward 1 Council Member Robert Morford, three City leaders took oaths of office on January 14, 2019, in the Lawton City Hall Auditorium.

Mayor Stan Booker will now preside at meeting of City Council and ensure an agenda is available for all meetings, among other duties.



Council Member Mary Ann Hankins will now represent Ward 1 of Lawton, and **Council Member Keith Jackson** will continue to represent Ward 2 of Lawton.

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